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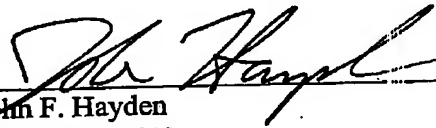
The original application was filed in Japanese and applicants submit herewith a substitute specification including claims, abstract and drawings, to support the verified translation and to properly place the application in U.S. format.

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application, with claims 1-10 being independent. The specification has been amended to properly identify the drawings. Claims 1-16 have been amended and new claims 17-56 have been added to remove the multiple dependency and to place the claims in better form for examination. No new matter is introduced. Applicants ask that the application be examined in view of the amendments made herein.

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